

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 645**

**Call to Order:** Chairman John Esp, on April 27, 2009 at 11:00  
A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: None

Executive Action: HB 645

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 645**

00:00:00 Reconvene HB 645 11:00 a.m.

00:00:01 Chairman Esp

00:00:59 Motion Sen. Peterson moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**

**EXHIBIT**(frs90hb0645a01)

00:01:26 Chairman Esp

00:01:53 Jim Standaert, LFD

**EXHIBIT**(frs90hb0645a02)

**Discussion:**

00:08:39 Chairman Esp

00:09:07 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:09:47 Chairman Esp

00:10:08 Amy Carlson, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
(OBPP)

00:11:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:11:15 **Motion:** Sen. Peterson moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**

**EXHIBIT**(frs90hb0645a03)

**Discussion:**

00:11:52 Mr. Standaert

00:12:13 Chairman Esp

00:12:42 Ms. Quinlan, OPI

00:12:55 Chairman Esp

00:13:00 Ms. Carlson, OBPP

00:13:15 Chairman Esp

00:13:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:13:53 Chairman Esp

00:13:58 **Motion:** Sen. Peterson moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**

**EXHIBIT**(frs90hb0645a04)

00:14:35 Chairman Esp

00:14:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:14:55 Chairman Esp

00:15:03 **Motion:** Sen. Peterson moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(frs90hb0645a05)

00:15:05 Chairman Esp

00:15:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:16:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hiner **TO AMEND HB 645.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(frs90hb0645a06)

00:17:06 Chairman Esp

00:17:24 Rep. Hiner moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(frs90hb0645a07)

00:18:35 Chairman Esp

00:18:40 Matt Steiner, LFD

00:19:54 Rep. Sesso

00:20:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

00:20:41 Chairman Esp

00:21:01 Rep. Sesso

00:21:49 Sen. Esp

00:22:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that the Free Conference Committee (approve the committee report and) report the bill as amended out of committee. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:23:02 Chairman Esp

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:34 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([frs90hb0645aad.pdf](#))**